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Please insert the following paragraph on page 4, line 29:

--FIGURE 2 is a flow chart illustrating steps of one embodiment of another method and computer program product of the invention.--.

Please insert the following paragraphs at page 11, line 24:

--Referring to FIG. 2, a flow chart of another method embodiment and computer program product embodiment of the invention is shown. The method of FIG. 2 may be executed after the execution of the method of FIG. 1 in one possible implementation.

At a step S30, the timestamp is read from memory and may be encrypted in one implementation. The timestamp may be read to determine the warranty start date in the described embodiment.

At a step S32, the timestamp read in step S30 may be outputted from the product, such as a computer peripheral, externally of the product. The timestamp may be used to determine a warranty start date in one embodiment. The encrypted timestamp can be outputted on a product test page or diagnostic test document in exemplary embodiments.--.

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